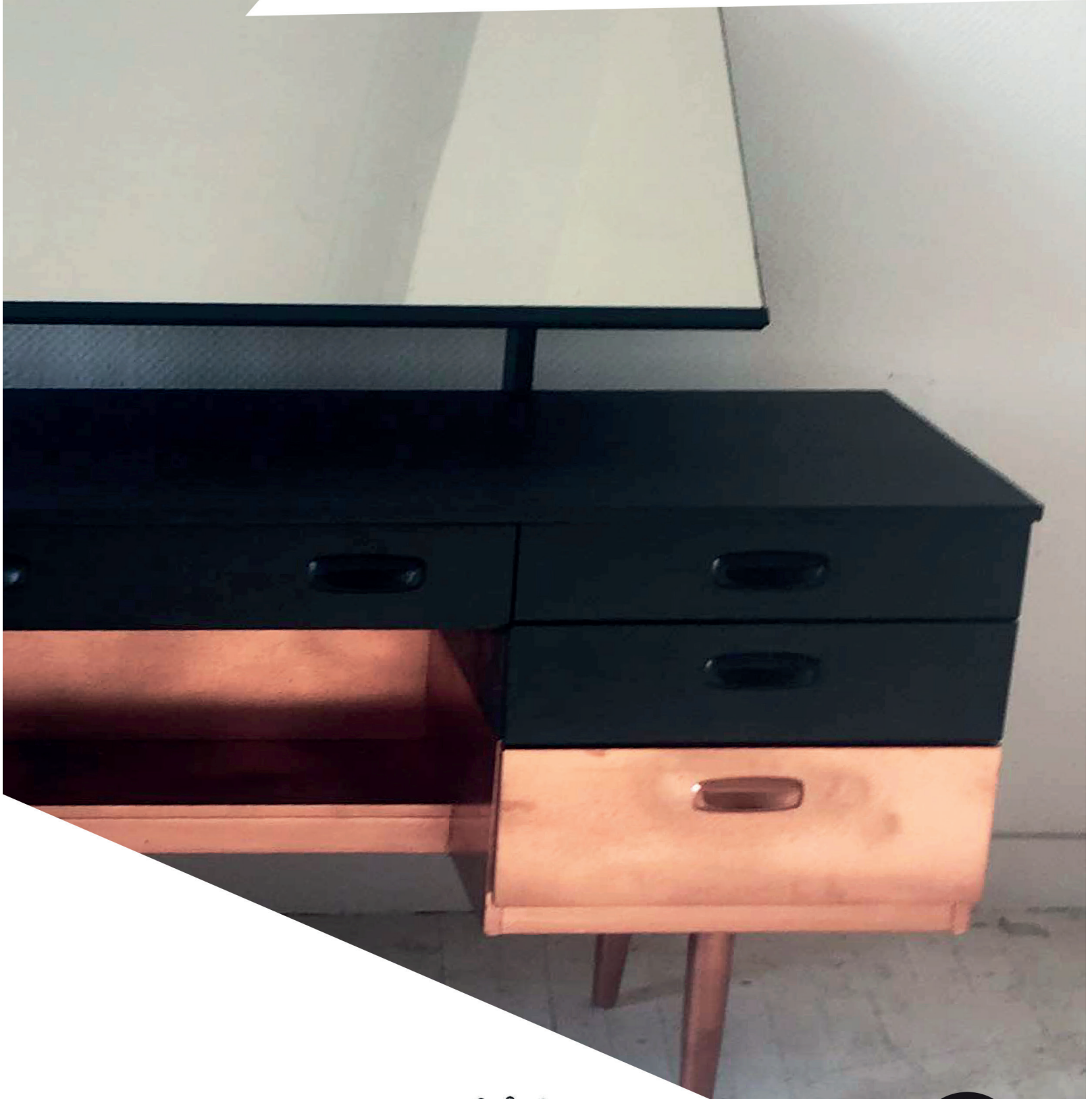


How-to: dipped copper dresser



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Here's how to apply a chic dipped copper look to a piece of furniture.

We've chosen a 70s dressing table to transform with this technique, but you can apply this process to other types of furniture.



You'll need:

- A mini sponge roller and tray
- Clean paint brush
- sponge roller for varnishing
- Water based varnish
- 2x tins of copper spray paint
- Black chalk paint or black emulsion and chalk paint powder.
- Medium grit sand paper
- Sugar soap
- Sponge

What do I need to do?

Follow this easy step by step guide:

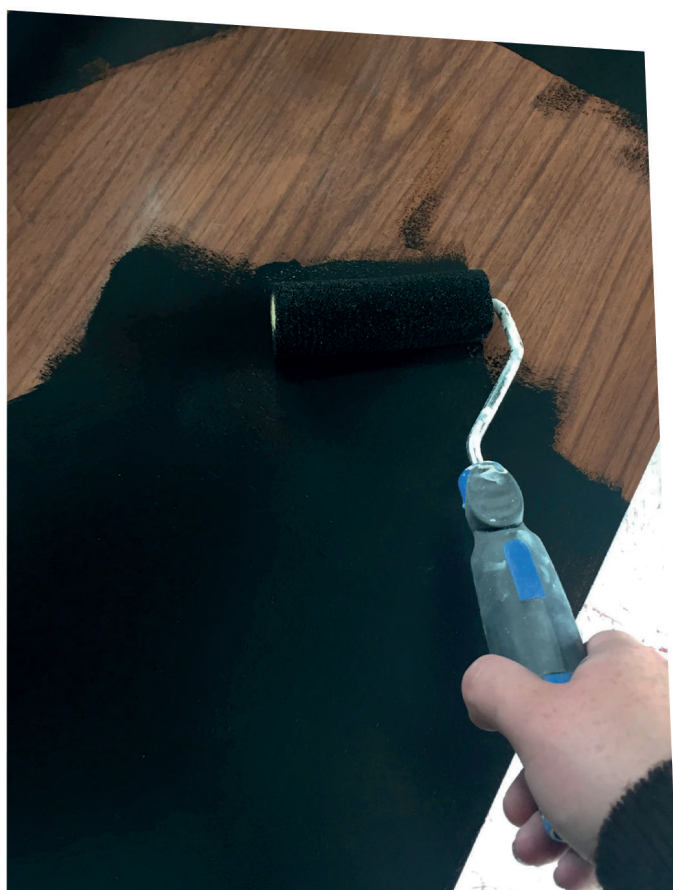
1 Clean

Grab some soapy water and a sponge and get scrubbing, so you have a nice surface to work on. Sugar soap is best but hot soapy water also does the trick. Try using a sponge with an abrasive edge (like you get for washing up) to get the stubborn bits off.



2 Prep

This piece was veneered so we used an electric sander with medium grit sandpaper to give the piece a key – that's a slightly rough surface that helps the paint stick well. You can sand it by hand if you don't have a sander though.



3 Paint

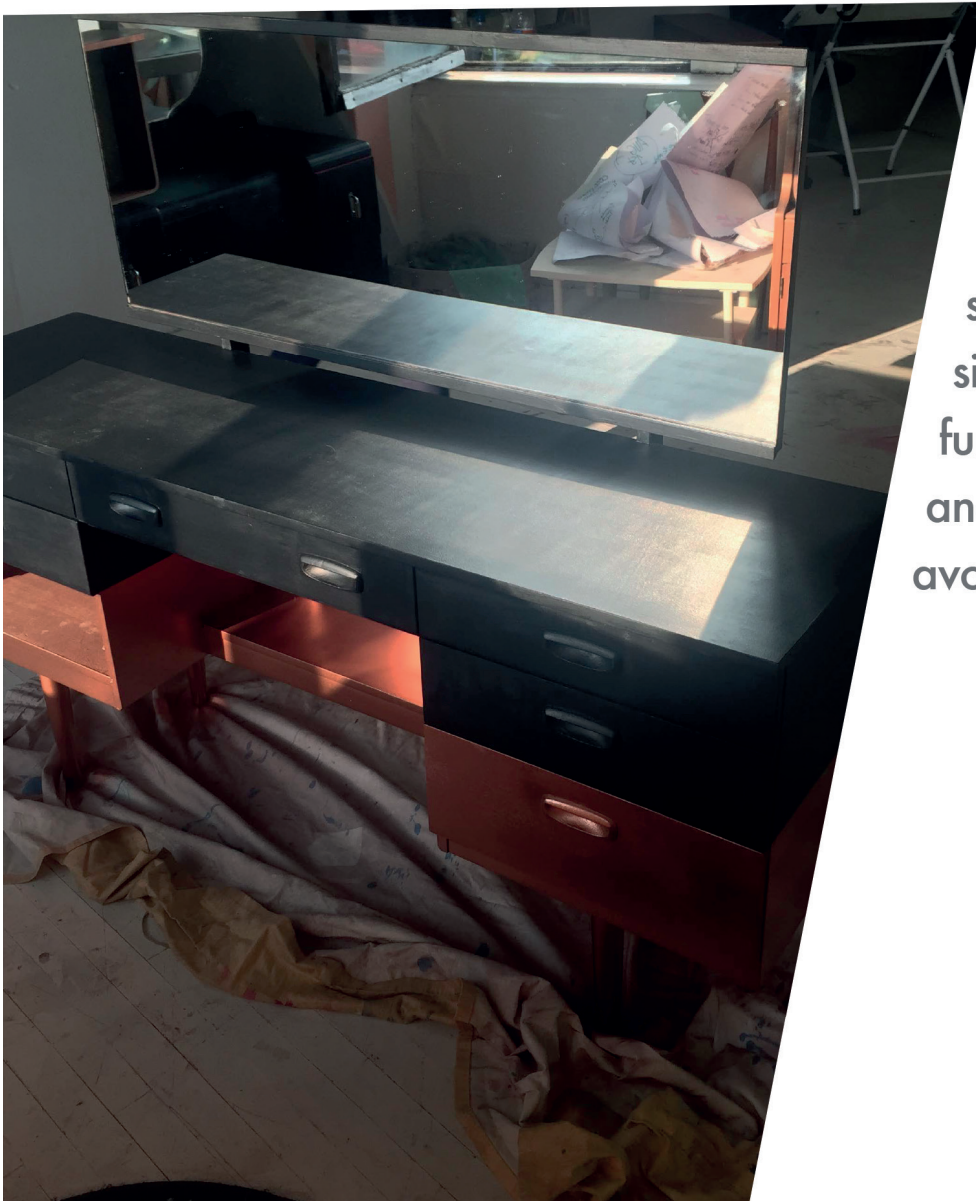
Now it's time to apply the black chalk paint. We used a mini sponge roller on this piece, because a roller gives a flatter finish which is more flattering with this type of shape. Two coats was enough for us, with touch ups.

4 Varnish

Paint or roll on at least two coats of varnish to seal the paint.

5 Mask

Next, there's a bit of prep work for the spray painting. We often cut up bin bags in to plastic sheets to cover the parts you don't want to be sprayed. It's very important to do this well as spray paint will over-spray a fine mist of colour. Mask well to get clean lines.



6 Spray paint

Grab your copper spray paint and shake the can well. Using sweeping motions from side to side, spray your furniture. Do thin coats and build it up to avoid drips.

And finally...

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